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The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m.

Agenda item 172: Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly (*continued*) (A/C.6/55/L.14)

1. **The Chairman** drew attention to draft decision A/C.6/55/L.14, as orally amended at the 32nd meeting.

2. *Draft decision A/C.6/55/L.14, as orally amended, was adopted.*

3. **Ms. Eklund** (Sweden), speaking on behalf of the States members of the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, expressed appreciation to the members of the Committee for their frankness and cooperation. It was her understanding that some delegations needed more time to study the status and work of the Institute; her delegation would continue to engage with any delegations that had expressed concern, in the hope that the Committee would be in a position to recommend the granting of observer status to the Institute at the current session.

Agenda item 184: Observer status for the Economic Community of Central African States in the General Assembly (*continued*) (A/C.6/55/L.20)

4. **The Chairman** drew attention to draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.20

5. *Draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.20 was adopted.*

Agenda item 163: Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization (*continued*) (A/C.6/55/L.7 and A/C.6/55/L.3/Rev.1)

Draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.7

6. **Mr. Gomaa** (Egypt), introducing the draft resolution, said it was established practice in the Committee that draft resolutions on the report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization and on the provisions of the Charter related to the effects of sanctions on third States should be considered together. Owing to the extensive consultations that had taken place on draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.3, the introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.7 had been postponed for two weeks, allowing delegations ample time to study the text. After reading out minor drafting changes, he said that at the end of the eighth preambular paragraph, after "the Court,", the following should be added: "taking into consideration, in particular, the needs resulting from its increased workload,". It was his understanding that there was a consensus on that wording.

7. **The Chairman** said that with regard to paragraph 3 (b) of draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.7, it was his understanding that the Special Committee was thereby requested to continue to consider on a priority basis the question of the implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions under Chapter VII of the Charter, taking into consideration, inter alia, all the proposals submitted during the debate on the subject which had been held in the Sixth Committee at the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, including those reflected in document A/C.6/55/L.4 presented by the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

8. *Draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.7, as orally revised, was adopted.*

9. **Ms. Gnecco** (Colombia) said that her delegation would have wished the draft resolution to include in paragraph 4 a clearer reference to paragraph 33 of the Secretary-General's report (A/55/340) on reducing the backlog in the publication of the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs*. Subparagraph (d) noted that the activities involved had been included as a separate item in the programme budget. Her delegation expressed appreciation for the Secretary-General's initiative and hoped that the activities would continue, as they were of great importance to all delegations.

Draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.3/Rev.1

10. **Mr. Ekedede** (Nigeria), introducing the draft resolution, said that it was a revised text of the original draft resolution sponsored at the current session by Bulgaria, the Russian Federation and Ukraine. Very few changes had been made to the previous year's version. The text before the members of the Committee should be regarded as the Bureau's text; it was the outcome of consultations and should also be regarded as a compromise text. The sponsors recommended it for adoption by consensus.

11. *Draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.3/Rev.1 was adopted.*

12. **Mr. Szenasi** (Hungary) said that his delegation had joined the consensus on the draft resolution since the text represented the only compromise that could be found.

13. It was, however, concerned about future progress on the agenda item, since the draft resolution did not eliminate two main obstacles that had hampered the Committee's work in the previous year. First, there was no clear indication as to when the report of the Secretary-General would be presented. In fact, new additions to paragraph 5 made it even harder for the Secretary-General to submit his report in a timely fashion. That, in turn, could jeopardize the plan to move forward with a detailed discussion on the report of the expert group during the next meeting of the Charter Committee.

14. The second obstacle was the situation concerning the possible establishment of a working group. The draft repeated the same compromise that had led nowhere in the previous year. More could have been accomplished had the Committee concentrated on those two issues. Regrettably, most of the time allocated to the draft resolution had been devoted to issues unrelated to Article 50 of the Charter.

15. His delegation hoped that, sooner rather than later, the political will to start substantive negotiations on the issue would emerge. It was ready to participate in a substantive debate.

16. **Mr. Panevkin** (Russian Federation) expressed appreciation to all delegations and to the coordinator, who had made great efforts to achieve a difficult compromise.

Agenda item 164: Measures to eliminate international terrorism (*continued*) (A/C.6/55/L.17)

17. **Mr. Vamos-Goldman** (Canada), speaking as coordinator for the draft resolution, said that consultations were continuing.

The meeting rose at 4.30 p.m.